

IN THE NEWS

Do you look both ways before you cross Hannah Street or Michigan Ave?

Something as seemingly inconsequential as a glare on a windshield could turn you into a splat on a windshield of a car racing down one of Albion's many speedways.



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OPINIONS

Does that optional \$80 health insurance provide medication for the dreaded "Senioritis?"

With seven semesters down and 13 weeks left in their eighth and final semester, Albion's senior class may be seen staring blankly into nothingness or engaging themselves in anything else that will provide distraction.

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The Profiteers represent sports gambling underground.

In a truly interesting and worthwhile article *Pleiad* Features Editor Ryan McGuire delves deep into the inner workings of Albion's sports gambling scene.

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Set 'em up and knock 'em down; the saga of Physical Education 172.

Walter Sobchak's friends didn't die face down in the muck for you to skip over this article on Albion college's bowling culture by *Pleiad* Sports Editor Jim Robbins.

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ADPS arrests six believed linked to vehicle theft and vandalism

By GINA KUPRIANIAK
Staff Reporter

There have been 13 cases involving 21 damaged or stolen vehicles on the Albion College campus this academic year. Last year, there were 13 cases for the entire academic year. The average number is anywhere between eight and 16 damaged or stolen vehicles, usually occurring in the fall.

According to Ken Snyder, Director of Campus Safety, the occurrences are alleged to have been perpetrated by two separate entities: one group of six individuals working together and one person working alone.

The Pleiad last reported on the rash of vandalism, burglary and thefts Nov. 22. That same night, six cars in lot 26, the nature center lot, were burglarized. Similar incidents occurred on



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Don SESCO, Campus Safety officer patrols the parking lot behind Whitehouse hall. This school year there have been 13 cases of theft and vandalism involving 21 different vehicles.

Dec. 12 and Dec. 17. Two days later, Albion Department of Public Safety (ADPS) apprehended an individual believed to be connected to, among other incidents, an attempted burglary on Dec. 19 in lot 26. ADPS has also apprehended a group of six

believed to be responsible for at least some of the incidents on campus. The group was charged with an attempted theft and one successful theft.

Since the apprehension of the suspects, a jeep was broken into on Dec. 20. A vehicle in lot 1

was damaged on Jan. 17. On Jan. 14 another vehicle was vandalized in lot 14. And on Jan. 23 Campus Safety escorted a juvenile from campus after he was seen acting suspiciously in parking lots around campus.

According to Lt. Eric Miller of Public Safety, the suspects are a combination of juveniles and young adults. The Albion authorities believe that with the apprehension of these individuals occurrences of theft and burglary will end. "I don't believe the vandalisms will continue," said Miller. "Also, I appreciate the cooperation of the Albion College Campus Safety, especially Ken Snyder."

Though many of the incidents have occurred in lot 26, almost all lots have seen at least some form of vandalism and/or theft.

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Annual Cardboard Classic Sled race sends community out to play



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The temperature was low but the excitement was high Jan. 18 as Victory Park was host again to the annual Cardboard Classic Sled Race. The snow-covered park was full of red faces and bright-colored cardboard creations, slaved over by kids of all ages. Entries ranged from a full-size speed boat made by three die-hard Albion fishermen to a star-spangled sled made by Austin, pictured above, who refused to give his last name to a stranger. Undaunted by the cold, wearing a snow-soaked winter hat as a halo and a ear-to-ear smile, Austin found his bit of undisturbed snow and dove into make his mark-- a true snow angel.

Trustee and friend of Albion College Skip Ungrodt mourned

By MORRIS ARVOY
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Albion College Trustee and longtime College benefactor Paul W. "Skip" Ungrodt, Jr., '52, died Sunday in Ann Arbor after a prolonged illness. He was 72. A member of the College's board of trustees since 1985, Ungrodt was chairman and president of Ideation, Inc., a national gift supply firm based in Ann Arbor, and owner of several gift stores.

"With the passing of Skip Ungrodt, an important era at Albion College has ended," said Ben Hancock, Albion College vice president for Institutional Advancement. "For more than 20 years he was the College's number one advocate and fan—whether it was a fund drive for the latest project, an internship for a student, or a word of encouragement for a prospective student to attend Albion. His legacy will live on through the student athletes who will benefit from the new facilities he helped build or the dozens of Gerstacker Institute students he mentored.

"Personally, I have lost a great friend who set the very highest

standard of what it meant to be a true Briton. The Albion College advancement program is what it is today, because of his leadership and support for our successful fund drives, alumni programs, and work with communications," Hancock said.

Since graduating from Albion in 1952 with a degree in sociology and business administration, Ungrodt had been one of the College's greatest cheerleaders and philanthropists. A strong proponent of Briton athletics, Ungrodt chaired the \$1.3 million Briton Athletic Drive and funded the indoor tennis center, which was named in his honor. He also was the architect of the brick walkway near the Dow Recreation and Wellness Center.

Ungrodt was a major contributor to the Kellogg Center and Ferguson Building on Albion's campus. Longtime chairman of the College's Institutional Advancement Committee and member of the Executive Committee, Ungrodt underwrote the Ferguson Building's

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Torin Alexander decides to leave Albion

By Elizabeth Cotton
Online Editor

Torin Alexander, College Chaplain, has decided to leave Albion to pursue a doctoral study in religion beginning in the fall of 2003.

"My goal is to pursue a career as a scholar and educator in African American religious history and theology," Alexander said. "Just like many other fourth year students at Albion, I have sent my graduate school applications out and must now wait for a response. I have applied to four schools: Princeton, Emory, Vanderbilt, and Rice universities."

Alexander said one of the joys of being Chaplain is that his duties are quite varied.

For example, Alexander is the principal advisor for the



Albion College Chaplain's Office

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Wednesday student-led Chapel. "I interact with all of Albion's religious student groups," he said. "Over the past several years, my office with these organizations has coordinated fund-raising projects, conferences, concerts, and seminars. I also do some pastoral counseling."

According to Alexander, the most recognizable of all of his duties are the prayers and short

meditations he gives for various official college functions throughout the year. He also has taught a section of the first year seminar in justice for the past three years and has been an occasional lecturer for other classes.

Alexander is a member of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Meaning and Value and the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study in Ethnic, Gender, and Global Studies, serving as co-chair of the latter for the past two years. Additionally, he is serving a second year as chair of the President's Advisory Committee on Multicultural Affairs (PACMA). As Chaplain, he also has the function of representing the college to the community.

Alexander is the co-president of the Albion Ministerial

Association, a representative of the College to Albion Interfaith Ministries, and a board member of Albion Volunteer Services. He is called upon to preach at churches in Albion and across the state. He also mentioned that as a college affiliated with the United Methodist Church, he routinely represents the college at various meetings of church committees that deal with ministry in higher education.

"The most rewarding thing about my job has always been the one on one interaction with people," Alexander said. "As Chaplain, you have the special privilege to be with people during times of both joy and suffering. You have the opportunity to see behind the veil that we often erect out of our fears."

According to Alexander, a

Chaplain Search Committee will be established within the next two weeks in order to review the current job description, develop an advertisement, and identify and interview candidates. "The goal is to choose a new Chaplain before final exams."

Alexander said what he will miss most about Albion are the students, staff, and faculty he has come to know over the last four years.

"Specifically, I will miss the fellowship I associate with programs such as mid-week Chapel or the Faculty-Staff Bible Study," Alexander said. "I will also miss the truly unique multicultural and religious events that Albion offers over the course of the academic year."

Student hit by auto on Erie street

By Elizabeth Cotton
Online Editor

According to Ken Snyder, Director of Campus Safety, on Jan. 14, at approximately 2 p.m., a student was struck by a vehicle while crossing Erie St. at the

violate any laws such as jaywalking."

Snyder said that one of his officers saw the student laying in the street with another individual attempt-ing to assist him. The officer arrived at the scene and called the police and an ambu-



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Pedestrians should exercise caution when crossing busy intersections on campus.

intersection of Erie and Hannah. Snyder said that the student came from the Dow and crossed the street, headed north back to campus. The driver of the car stopped at the stop sign and crossed Hannah to go east on Erie when he struck the student.

"The driver said he just didn't see him," Snyder said. "He said that it was kind of sunny and there was a glare on the windshield. The student was in the crosswalk and really hadn't gotten that far out in the street. The student didn't

lance. Snyder mentioned the student was conscious and Campus Safety officers kept him still until the emergency medical team arrived on the scene.

According to Snyder, students must practice defensive walking in order to prevent this kind of situation from happening in the future. "You can't trust that anyone is going to pay attention to traffic laws," he said. "As a pedestrian you really just have to be more aggressive about distrusting drivers."

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third floor, known affectionately as "Skip's Floor," which houses Institutional Advancement.

Ungrodt was born May 19, 1930 in Ypsilanti, Mich. As a student at Albion, Ungrodt was a letter-winner and four-year participant in tennis. He also was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

At a special Hall of Fame dinner Sept. 27 during Homecoming 2002, Ungrodt—who was inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame five years ago—was honored with the Albion College Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Skip was simply remarkable in his devotion to his alma mater," said President Peter Mitchell. "He had more enthusiasm and conviction than anyone I know, and everyone he knew had great affection for him. Albion the institution will miss him, and I'll miss him as a great friend."

"We've all lost a kind, thoughtful, caring person who simply wanted people to enjoy life as he did. He was the

consummate friend, buddy, pal—and he embodied the best virtues of friendship: truth and loyalty and goodness."

A community leader and patron of state and local humanitarian and cultural organizations, Ungrodt recently received the Chuck Yancy Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Ungrodt was appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Michigan Travel Commission and he spearheaded the successful multimillion-dollar capital campaign for the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, Mich. At the time of his death, Ungrodt also served on the boards of the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority, and as chairman of the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection.

He was past president of the Gift Association of America and the Michigan Gift Association, as well as the State Street Business Association and the Washburn Historical Museum, Inc., in Washburn, Wisc. He served on

the boards of the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce, the Ann Arbor United Way, the Chicago Gift Show, the Michigan Retailers Association, the Bank of Ann Arbor, and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

In addition to Ideation, which he founded in 1968 and which now supplies 650 gift stores across the country, Ungrodt co-owned with his brothers the hardware store in Washburn, Wisc., founded by his grandfather.

The memorial service was held at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.



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Paul W. "Skip" Ungrodt, Jr.

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All car models have been targeted, but many of the targeted vehicles have been Chryslers. All but one car belonged to students; the other belonged to a faculty member.

Despite these high numbers, many students still feel safe leaving their cars in the parking lots.

"I feel safe because they've already caught the people," said Justin Prinstein, Farmington Hills first-year. "Besides, I don't really

have a choice."

Campus Safety officials are doing everything they can to protect the vehicles and property in the parking lots, but they stress that everyone can do their own part to avoid an unfortunate event.

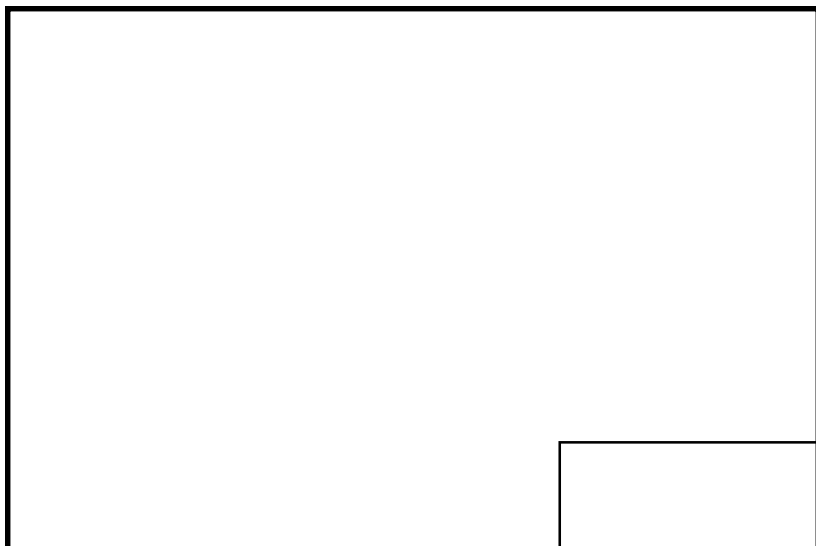
"Lock up your valuables, and don't let money, CDs, wallets and sunglasses be visible," Snyder said. "Buying a Club is a good idea, because potential thieves can learn how to bypass certain alarm systems."

There are anywhere between 900 and 1100 cars in 30 different parking lots at any given time.

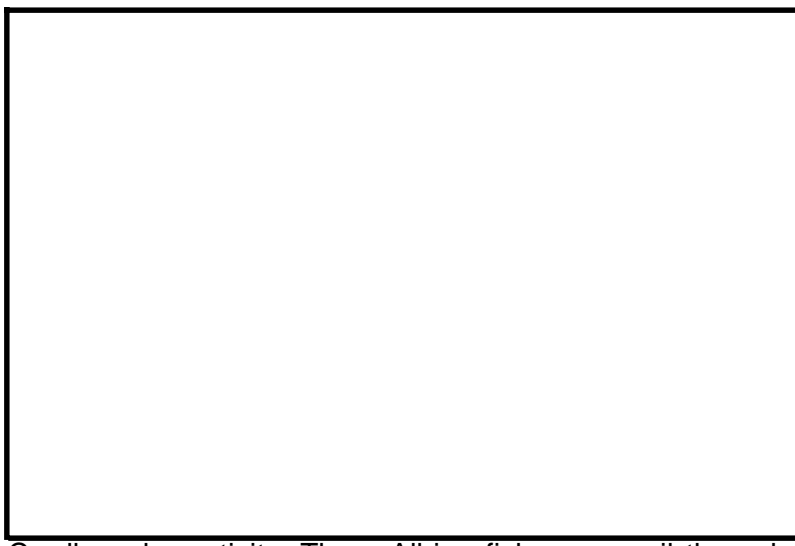
"Campus Safety is constantly checking all the lots, but they cannot be everywhere," Snyder said. "If you ever see anything suspicious, don't hesitate to call Campus Safety."

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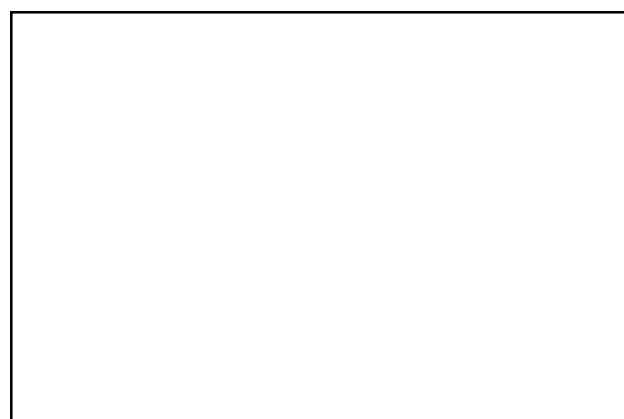
Kresge Krazies live up to their name, cheering on "Daaa Brits" like their SNL counterparts.



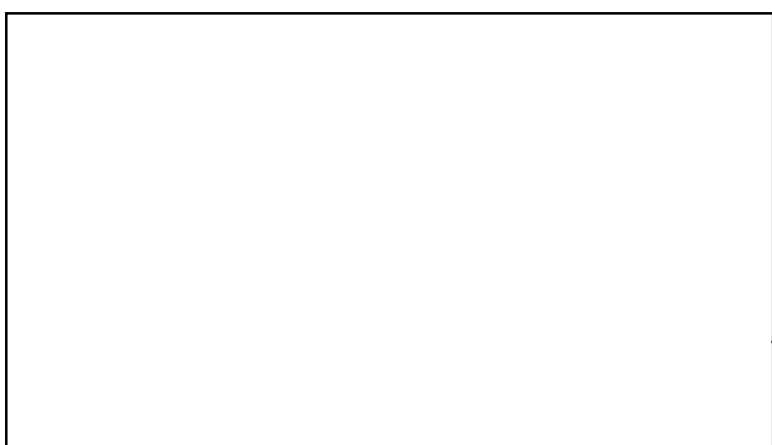
Cardboard creativity: Three Albion fishermen sail through the snow at Victory Park's annual Cardboard Classic Sled Race.



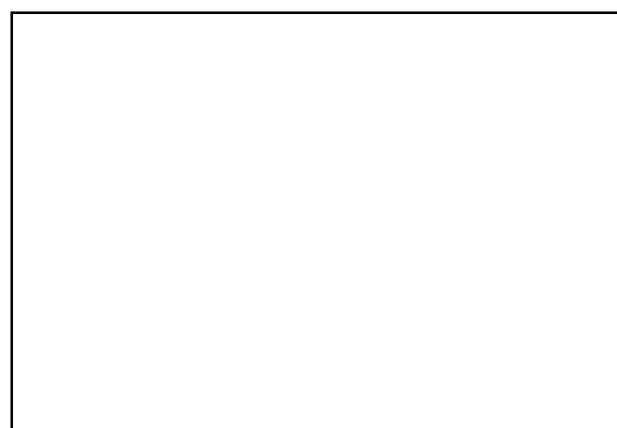
Adrienne Doyle, Annie Lerew and Jess Vaughn represent the girls of Delta Tua Delta: the female fraternity. Yeehaaw!



The pep band gets groovin' as the rowdy crowd claps along.



Above: Alex Carrol and Tony Mastromonaco enjoy the attention of Rho Chi representatives from each sorority after emcee-ing the recruitment fashion show. Right: Rachel Alexander works that wrap on the runway during the show.



Picturesque with pom pons, the cheerleaders cheer on the dance team.



"Why aren't you guys laughing?" Student programming sponsored comedian Megan Mooney.



Four years of fight: Albion Varsity Football seniors smile at a bittersweet banquet, ending their final season as battling Brits.

If you have an event/idea you'd like featured in "under the lens" e-AGQ10